## IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 10, 1848. Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Underwood made the following

## REPORT

[To accompany bill S. No. 64.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Maria L. Nourse, widow of Joseph Nourse, praying the payment of a balance ascertained to be due him by the United States, have had the same under consideration. The facts, as set forth in the report of the Committee of Claims at the 2d session, 29th Congress, and

shown by the evidence produced, are as follows:

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There being a disputed account between the government of the United States and the husband of the claimant, the district court of the District of Columbia, at the instance of the attorney of the United States, appointed auditors to examine it, and determine between the parties. The auditors so appointed awarded a balance of money to be due to Mr. Nourse, which award was confirmed by the said district court, and the whole proceedings in the matter were at a later period affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.— (See Peters's Reports, volume 6, page 470—volume 9, page 8.)

Under these circumstances, your committee are decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just, and should be granted; they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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